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SUBJ: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON RESUMED CIVIL WAR  
IN SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 1770

1. FOREIGN OFFICE ACTING UNDER SECRETARY HASSAN EL AMIN EL BASHIR  
ASKED CHARGE TO COME IN AUGUST 2 TO DISCUSS WASHINGTON POST  
ARTICLE (AND ANOTHER SUBJECT REPORTED SEPARATELY). EL BASHIR  
EXPRESSED THANKS THAT MINISTRY HAD BEEN INFORMED OF STORY'S  
APPEARANCE BY EMBASSY (CHARGE HAD BROUGHT IT TO ATTENTION OF  
DIRECTOR OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAS DEPARTMENT HASSAN EL MISBAH  
ON JULY 30) AND SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED CABLED REPORTS  
FROM SUDANESE MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, ROME, RABAT,  
BEIRUT AND ONE OR TWO OTHER CITIES. ACCORDING TO EL BASHIR  
WP STORY HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY PRESS IN ROME ("ROME DAILY  
AMERICAN") AND OTHER CITIES MENTIONED. HE OPINED THAT  
PUBLICATION OF STORY IN ROME MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH VATICAN'S  
TRADITIONAL HUMANITARIAN CONCERN WITH THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES.

2. ACTING UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE  
MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED ON LATTER'S  
RETURN FROM OAU SUMMIT THAT MORNING. HE SAID GOS WAS CONCERNED  
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OVER PUBLICATION OF OBVIOUSLY FALSE STORY, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT

COINCIDED WITH SENTENCES HANDED OUT IN AKOBO TRIAL (KHARTOUM 1776)  
AND WOULD THEREFORE FUEL THE NOTORIOUS SUDANESE RUMOR MILL.

3. EL BASHIR TWICE SAID THAT WP SHOULD BE URGED TO SEND ITS  
REPORTER TO THE SOUTHERN SUDAN, WHERE HE WOULD BE FREE TO  
TRAVEL AND OBSERVE  
CONDITIONS FOR HIMSELF RATHER THAN RELY  
ON QUESTIONABLE SOURCES OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE SOURCES, EL BASHIR NOTED THEY INCLUDED  
BOTH SUDANESE REFUGEES AND ETHIOPIAN OFFIALS. HE SAID GOS  
WAS EXTREMELY UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS AND INTENDED TO TAKE IT UP  
OFFICIALLY IN ADDIS ABABA.

5. EL BASHIR READILY ACCEPTED CHARGE'S STATEMENT THAT USG  
HAD BEEN IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR STORY'S APPEARANCE AND  
THAT US OFFICIALS HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED NOR QUERIED  
IN ADVANCE. HE ALSO APPEARED SATISFIED WITH RESPONSE  
THAT DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN WOULD GIVE TO QUESTIONS  
GENERATED BY THE WP ARTICLE.

COMMENT: GOS CLEARLY UPSET BY THE STORY'S APPEARANCE BUT  
IN NO WAY HOLDS USG RESPONSIBLE. THE FACT THAT CHARGE  
CALLED IN AT ALL IS FURTHER INDICATION THAT GOS SENSITIVE  
TO OPERATION IN SOUTHERN SUDAN.  
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